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## **Educational Policies Committee Program Proposal, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, July 19, 2013 – American Sign Language Minor**

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## Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

**Institution Submitting Request:** Utah State University

**Proposed Title:** American Sign Language Minor

**Currently Approved Title:**

**School or Division or Location:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Department(s) or Area(s) Location:** Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code<sup>1</sup> (for new programs):** 16.1601

**Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs):**

**Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs):** 08/01/2013

**Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:** March 8, 2013

**Proposal Type (check all that apply):**

R401-5			R401-6		
<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>			<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>		
Section #	<input type="checkbox"/>	Item	Section #	<input type="checkbox"/>	Item
4.1.5.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor*	6.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
5.1.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Emphasis on an Existing Degree*	6.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Unit
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Proficiency Not Eligible for Financial Aid			
5.1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs			
5.1.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer			
5.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation			
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5.1.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center			
5.1.8	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau			
5.1.9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Certificate			

\*Requires "Section VI: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

**Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:**

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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**Signature**

**Date:**

**Printed Name:**

<sup>1</sup> CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

**Program Request - Abbreviated Template**  
**Utah State University**  
**American Sign Language Minor**  
**08/01/2013**

**Section I: Request**

The objective of this request is to implement a minor in American Sign Language (ASL) at Utah State University Fall 2013. The provision of this minor will enable students graduating from this institution to use ASL fluently and to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**Section II: Need**

At Utah State University there are three programs that require ASL coursework: Special Education, and Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, and Elementary Education Deaf Education. Additionally, there are five programs that offer an emphasis in ASL: Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies, Teacher Education and Leadership, Family, Consumer, and Human Development, and Business. Even though we anticipate a large number of students minoring in American Sign Language from the programs that require ASL or make it available as an emphasis, we anticipate many students will find this minor attractive and will elect to take it. By offering a minor in American Sign Language Utah State University will be providing students with an option of having a minor in a language that many graduates may use in their respective places of employment. A minor recognizes the additional course of study and enhanced comprehension and fluency in the language.

There is only one other university in the state that offers a minor in ASL; Utah Valley University. The University of Utah and Weber State offer coursework, but no degrees; majors or minors. In establishing this program, we will be making this minor available in our service area.

**Section III: Institutional Impact**

The offering of a minor in American Sign Language will not increase enrollments in instructional departments or programs, but will instead provide students within these departments and programs value added with the option of having a recognized minor with enhanced coursework that is already required. We do not anticipate a need for any additional faculty, physical facilities, or modifications to existing facilities.

**Section IV: Finances**

Students selecting an ASL language minor would take classes already offered by the Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. The additional students will not require additional faculty or resources since an average of 3-5 sections of these classes are currently offered and the sign language laboratory is staffed. This minor will not impact administrative structures and will fit well into the organizational structure currently operating.

**Section V: Program Curriculum**

**All Program Courses**

Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Title	Credit
Required Courses			
Com D 2910	American Sign Language I		4
Com D 3910	American Sign Language II		4
Com D 4910	American Sign Language III		4
Com D 4920	American Sign Language IV		4
Com D 4780	Socio-Cultural Aspects of Deafness		3
Com D 3080	American Sign Language Practicum		2
Elective Courses			
	None		
Total Number of Credits			21

### New Courses to Be Added in the Next Five Years

None anticipated

### Program Schedule

Course (First Year)	Semester	Credits	
Com D 2910 – American Sign Language I	Fall	4	
Com D 3080 – Practicum in American Sign Language	Spring		1
Course (Second Year)	Semester	Credits	
Com D 3910 – American Sign Language II	Fall	4	
Com D 4780 – Socio-Cultural Aspects of Deafness	Fall	3	
Com D 3080 – Practicum in American Sign Language	Spring		1
Course (Third Year)	Semester	Credits	
Com D 4910 – American Sign Language III	Fall	4	
Com D 4920 – American Sign Language IV	Spring	4	